



Ninety-Eighth Legislature - Second Session - 2004
Committee Statement
LB 1212

Hearing Date: February 9, 2004

Committee On: Banking, Commerce and Insurance

Introducer(s): (Brashear)

Title: Change provisions relating to insurance reimbursement for prescription drugs

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Advanced to General File with Amendments

X Indefinitely Postponed

Vote Results:

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| 6 | Yes | Senators Tyson, Jensen, Johnson, Loudon, Mines, Redfield |
| | No | |
| 2 | Present, not voting | Senators Quandahl, Foley |
| | Absent | |

Proponents:

Senator Kermit Brashear
Roger Rea
Tom Jenkins

Representing:

Introducer
Self
Blue Cross/Blue Shield of NE

Opponents:

Joni Cover

Representing:

NE Pharmacists Association

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 1212 (Brashear) would amend section 44-513.02 of the insurance laws regarding reimbursement for prescription drugs. This section currently provides that a medical benefits contract, including a PPO contract but not an HMO contract, which provides reimbursement for prescription drugs shall not impose upon any person a fee or copayment not equally imposed upon a person using a mail order pharmacy, and no such contract shall provide differences in coverage or impose any different conditions upon any person not equally imposed upon any person using a mail-order pharmacy. These provisions are currently subject to an exception which provides that they do not apply to reimbursement for “long-term maintenance drugs.” The bill would amend this section’s current definition of “long-term maintenance drugs” to mean medications which are dispensed pursuant to a single prescription for a period of no less than

“ninety” days (reduced from “one hundred eighty” days), exclusive of authorized refills, for the ongoing treatment of a chronic medical condition or disease or congenital condition or disorder.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Mark Quandahl, Chairperson